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BLM Prescribed Fires Planned For This Spring

The Bureau of Land Management, Division of Fire Management will be continuing wildfire mitigation efforts with prescribed fire on public lands throughout the district this spring. Implementation will begin as early as the third week of March.

The projects include both reduction of hazardous fuels and fuels mitigation in the wildland/urban interface. All of the project sites have been previously hand-thinned with chainsaws and will now receive follow-up treatment with prescribed fire.

Throughout the spring months prescribed burning will take place at the following locations: East Coal Creek (East of Price); East Carbon (North of East Carbon); Price Recreation (12 miles Northwest of Price); Tamarisk (along the Colorado River on Hwy 128); Horsethief (campground near Mineral Point); and Peters Canyon (on Hwy 191, 7 miles north of Monticello).

With the exception of East Coal Creek, the crews will be conducting pile burns to eliminate the slash resulting from the previous thinning efforts. At East Coal Creek, a broadcast burn method will be used to achieve the desired results.

The East Coal Creek, East Carbon and Peters Point projects were developed to reduce the wildfire threat to health and public safety and to private property. The Price Recreation, Tamarisk and Horsethief projects were identified to decrease the threat to public and firefighter safety in the event of a wildfire in or around the campgrounds.

Implementation of prescribed fire projects is always dependent on ideal weather conditions. For more information, call Heather O'Hanlon @ 435-259-2184.

For additional Utah fire information go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.